Book Recommendation

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I read the book, Becoming Naomi Leόn, by Pam Muñoz Ryan, and this is a summary about it. This book was about two kids whose mom, Skyla, leaves them at home to fend for themselves while she goes shopping. Later, a storm hits so their father who already left the mother in charge comes back and sends them to the church. Their mother comes and picks them up a couple days later, and sends them to their grandmother’s because she doesn’t want to take care of them anymore. Their mother comes to the grandmother’s house a couple years later and expects to get them back. The kids’ grandmother does not want to give them back because she doesn’t feel like their mother is responsible enough to take care of both of them; especially because the little boy is a special needs child. Since the grandmother does not want to give them up to their mom, she takes the trailer that they live in on a trip to Mexico with a couple of family friends to get away from their mother, because she promised herself that she would keep the kids safe with her until the day she dies.

I really liked this book because I liked how the grandmother, Naomi, and Owen were all in this together. I liked how even though they knew that their grandmother was not their mother, they knew that they were a family at heart and they want to keep it that way until the day their grandmother dies. They would do anything to keep it that way, including taking a family trip to Mexico. I also really liked this book because there was a lot of conflict between all the characters. They were all pressured to do something that they didn’t want to do. Grandma was pressured into trying to give up the kids because Skyla was trying to treat them as nicely as possible. Naomi was pressured into going to Las Vegas with her mother; her mother was buying her a big, expensive gift everyday just to try and get her to come with. The only person that was not pressured into doing something was Owen. The reason he wasn’t pressured into doing anything is because their mother wanted him, but she wanted Naomi more.

I would recommend this book to people who like a book with a lot of conflicts between people in them. Also, this book has a lot of action, so I would recommend it to people who like a book with action. Although the book was filled with drama and action the beginning of the book started out slow. So people that do not like a book that starts out slow, I would not recommend this to. It takes a while for the book to have a lot of the action. If you are patient enough to wait for the middle of the book then I would highly recommend it.